

Texas Governor's Committee on People with Disabilities

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National Events of Interest:

- **DADDs 13th International Conference on Autism, Intellectual Disabilities, and other Developmental Disabilities**, January 18 – 20. Miami Beach, FL. Hosted by the Council for Exceptional Children. Registration fee: Varies. For more information, visit the [CEC-DADD website](#) or contact Cindy Perras at cindy.perras@cogeco.ca.
- **Assistive Technology Industry Association (ATiA) 2012 Orlando Conference and Exhibition**, January 25 – 28. Orlando, FL. Hosted by ATiA. Registration fee: Varies. For more information, visit the [ATiA website](#).
- **Louisiana CEC 31st Annual Super Conference on Special Education**, January 30 – 31. Lafayette, LA. Hosted by the Louisiana Council for Exceptional Children. Registration fee: Varies. For more information, visit the [LACEC website](#).
- **North Carolina CEC 25th Annual State Conference: “A Commitment to the Needs of Diverse Learners: Exceptional Educators Leading the Way,”** February 8 – 10. Winston-Salem, NC. Hosted by the North Carolina Council for Exceptional Children. Registration fee: Varies. For more information, contact ncceconference@gmail.com or visit the [NCCEC website](#).
- **South Carolina CEC Annual Conference**, February 17 – 18. Columbia, SC. Hosted by the South Carolina Council for Exceptional Children. Registration fee: Varies. For more information, visit the [MySCCEC website](#).
- **21st Annual Alaska Statewide Special Education Conference (ASSEC)**, February 18 – 24. Anchorage, AK. Co-sponsored by Alaska Council for Exceptional Children. Registration fee: Varies. For more information, visit the [ASSEC website](#).
- **Georgia CEC Conference**, February 24 – 25. Macon, GA. Hosted by the Georgia Council for Exceptional Children. Registration fee: Varies. For more information, visit the [Georgia CEC website](#).
- **Oklahoma CEC Spring Conference: Failure Is Not an Option**, February 27 – 28. Oklahoma City, OK. Hosted by the Oklahoma Council for Exceptional Children. Registration fee: Varies. For more information, visit the [Oklahoma CEC website](#).
- **2012 Annual International Technology and Persons with Disabilities Conference (CSUN Conference)**, February 27 – March 3. San Diego, CA. Hosted by California State University, Northridge Center on Disabilities. Registration fee: Varies. For more information, visit the [CSUN website](#).
- **National Down Syndrome Society Buddy Walk on Washington**, February 29 – March 1. Washington, DC. Hosted by National Down Syndrome Society. Registration fee: Varies. For more information, visit the [NDSS website](#).

Online and Statewide:

- **Webinar: ADA Audio Conference Series: Open Dialogue with the Department of Justice**, Tuesday, December 13, 1:00pm to 2:30pm. Cost: FREE; Registration is required. For more information, visit the [ADA Audio Conference Series website](#).
- **Webinar: Accessible Golf Courses**, Thursday, January 5, 1:30pm to 3:00pm. Cost: FREE; Registration is required. For more information, visit the [Accessibility Online website](#).
- **Webinar: ADA Audio Conference Series: Refresh on the 2010 ADA Standards: “March 15th is Just Around the Corner”**, Tuesday, January 17, 1:00pm to 2:30pm. Cost: FREE; Registration is required. For more information, visit the [ADA Audio Conference Series website](#).
- **Webinar: ADA Audio Legal Issues Series: The ADA in the Healthcare Setting**, Wednesday, January 18, 1:00pm to 2:30pm. Cost: FREE; Registration is required. For more information, visit the [ADA Online Learning website](#).

- **Conference: 19th Annual Inclusion Works! Conference**, February 1 – 4. Cost: Varies. For more information and to register, visit [The Arc of Texas website](#).
- **Webinar: Accessible Courthouses and Courtrooms**, Thursday, February 2, 1:30pm to 3:00pm. Cost: FREE; Registration is required. For more information, visit the [Accessibility Online website](#).
- **2012 Winter Games: Special Olympics Texas**, February 9 - 12. Held at various venues in Austin, TX. Sponsored by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Sue Galkantas at sgalkantas@sotx.org or 512-491-2943 or visit the [Special Olympics Texas website](#).
- **Webinar: ADA Audio Conference Series: Planning a Trip: What You Need to Know About Making Hotel Reservations**, Tuesday, February 21, 1:00pm to 2:30pm. Cost: FREE; Registration is required. For more information, visit the [ADA Audio Conference Series website](#).

Amarillo:

- **Special Olympics Texas – Powerlifting Competition**, Saturday, January 14, 9:00am to 12:00pm. Held at Boys Ranch Fine Arts Building. Sponsored by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Lisa Chrane at 806-374-7171 or email lchrane@sotx.org or visit the [Special Olympics Texas website](#).
- **Special Olympics Texas – Area Conference**, Saturday, January 21, 9:00am to 1:00pm. Held at The Ambassador Hotel, 3100 I-40 West. Sponsored by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Lisa Chrane at 806-374-7171 or email lchrane@sotx.org or visit the [Special Olympics Texas website](#).
- **Cupids Chase 5K Run for People with Disabilities**, Saturday, February 11, Registration at 8:00am; Race begins at 10:00am. Held at Thompson Park, 2401 Dumas Drive. Fundraiser for Community Options, Inc. For more information, contact Chandy Davis at 806-379-6901 or chandy.davis@comop.org, or visit the [Community Options website](#).

Anna:

- **Camp Craig Allen Christmas Camp Weekend and Christmas Party**, December 9 - 11. Held at Collin County Adventure Camp, 1180 West Houston Street. Cost: FREE, but RSVP is necessary. Sponsored by Camp Craig Allen. For more information, contact Dawn Cruzan at 940-395-0226 or dawncruzanfournier@campcraigallen.org or visit the [Camp Craig Allen website](#).

Austin:

- **Social Security Work Incentives Orientation**, First Wednesday of each month, 10am (for general public) hosted by Workforce Solutions Ticket to Work program for anyone receiving SSI or SSDI; held at 6505 Airport Blvd Suite 101-A. Cost: FREE. For information, contact Marcela Ramirez at Marcela.ramirez@twc.state.tx.us or phone 512-597-7278.
- **Brain Injury Support Group** First Tuesday of each month, 7pm, hosted by the Austin Chapter Support Group of the Brain Injury Association of Texas, Austin Chapter; held at Mary Lee Foundation Community Center, 1327 Lamar Square Dr. Cost: FREE. For information, visit the [Mary Lee Foundation website](#) or phone 512-453-1344.
- **Austin Mayor's Committee on People with Disabilities** monthly meeting, Second Monday of each month, 12pm to 2pm, at City Hall, 301 West 2nd Street: open to the public. Cost: FREE. Visit the [AMCPD website](#) or contact Dolores Gonzalez at Dolores.gonzalez@ci.austin.tx.us or phone 512-974-3256.
- **Brain Injury & Health Care Information**, Second Tuesday of each month, 7pm, sponsored by the Brain Injury Association of Texas, Austin Chapter; for family members, survivors, and professionals; held at Mary Lee Foundation Community Center, 1327 Lamar Square Dr. Cost: FREE. For information, visit the [Mary Lee Foundation website](#) or phone 512-443-5777.

- **AISD Family Support Co-Op Series**, Second Tuesday of each month, 7pm (Free Pizza and childcare at 6:30pm), a cooperative effort among AISD, Austin Travis Country Integral Care and the Arc of the Capital Area to inform and support families of children with disabilities. Rosedale School, 2117 W. 49th St. Cost: FREE. For information, visit the [Eanes Parent Network website](#).
- **Third Annual VSA Texas Holiday Art Show**, Exhibit runs through January 6. Held at VSA TX Access Gallery, 3701 Guadalupe. For more information, contact April Sullivan at 512-323-6626 or accessgallery@vsatx.org or visit the [VSA Texas website](#).
- **VSA TX Holiday Benefit hosted by Ten Thousand Villages**, Thursday, December 15, 5:00pm – 9:00pm. Holiday shopping and refreshments; 10% to 15% of the evening's sales go to support the programs and services of VSA Arts of Texas. Held at Ten Thousand Villages, 1314 South Congress Avenue. For more information, visit the [VSA Texas website](#).
- **VSA TX Open Mic and Cabaret Night**, Saturday, December 17, 7:00pm to 9:00pm. Theater games, performances, poems, music, storytelling, etc. Held at VSA TX Access Gallery, 3701 Guadalupe. Cost: Pay as you can; suggested donation of \$5. For more information, contact Lynn Johnson at 512-454-9912 or lynn@vsatx.org or visit the [VSA Texas website](#).
- **AIR-Austin 2012**: Deadline for registration: January 15. Brings together web development teams and Non-Profit organizations for an accessible web design competition. Sponsored by Knowbility. Training sessions, Kick-Off party, Rally Day and AIR Awards Party held at various dates and places. Cost: \$100 for web development team; \$100 for Artist/NPO. For more information, contact Carolyn Gibbs at 512-305-0311 or Carolyn@knowbility.org or visit the [Knowbility website](#).
- **PATH (Planning Alternative Tomorrows with Hope) Facilitator's Training**, January 26 – 27. PATH is a self-directed future planning tool to help realize the dreams and goals of people with disabilities. Held at 8001 Centre Park Drive, Suite 100. Cost: Varies; Stipends are available. For more information, contact Amy Stabeno at astabeno@thearcoftexas.org or 1-800-252-9729 x7753, or visit [The Arc of Texas website](#).
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- **VSA TX Ballet Austin Audio Described Shows: The 4th Biennial: New American Talent/Dance**, Friday, February 17. Choreographic competition. Held at The Long Center, 701 West Riverside Drive. For tickets, contact Ballet Austin directly at 512-476-2163.
- **Texas Transition Conference**, February 20 - 21. Held at the Renaissance Hotel, 9721 Arboretum Blvd. Sponsored by the Center on Disability and Development at Texas A&M University and the Texas Secondary Transition/Post-School Results Network. Cost: Varies. For more information, contact Cheryl Grenwelge at 979-458-1593 or cgrenwelge@tamu.edu, or visit the [Texas Transition Conference website](#).
- **2012 Texas Advanced Leadership and Advocacy Conference (TALAC)**, February 26 - 28. Held at the Embassy Suites Austin Central, 5901 N IH-35. Hosted by the Center on Disability and Development at Texas A&M University with funding provided by the Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities. Cost: Varies. For more information, contact Jaime Duran at 979-845-1884 or talac@tamu.edu, or visit the [TALAC website](#).

Baytown:

- **Monthly Down Syndrome Community Group**, Third Saturday of Each Month, 10:00am – 12:00pm and Fourth Monday Moms Coffee Night Out. Hosted by Down Syndrome Association of Houston. For location and information, contact Baytown@dsah.org.

- **Special Olympics Texas – Regional Table Tennis Competition**, Saturday, January 21, 8:30am to 4:00pm. Held at Alamo Elementary School, 302 YMCA Drive. Sponsored by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Cody Meredith at 713-290-0049 or cmeredith@sotx.org or visit the [Special Olympics Texas website](#).

Beaumont:

- **A Beautiful Mind: Works by the Members of the Nick Nides Self-Help Haven**, Art Exhibition and Silent Auction. Saturday, December 10, 7:00pm – 9:00pm. Held at Beaumont Art League, 2675 Gulf Street. Hosted by Spindletop Center. Cost: FREE. For more information, phone Spindletop Center at 409-839-1046.
- **Second Annual Literacy By Touch Festival**, in accordance with Braille Literacy Awareness Month. Saturday, January 21, 1:30pm – 3:00pm. Held at Books-A-Million of Parkdale Mall, 6155 Eastex Freeway. Hosted by Beaumont Area Council of the Blind and partners. Cost: FREE. For more information, contact Kenneth Semien at 409-866-5838 or bacbinfo@gmail.com.

Belton:

- **HOYO: Home of Your Own Program** for people with disabilities. Every Third Tuesday at 9:00am. Hosted by Heart of Central Texas Independent Living Center. Held at the HOXTILC Belton office. For more information, call 254-933-7487 or email HOCTIL@hochtillc.org.
- **HOTCIL 10th Anniversary Extravaganza!** Thursday, December 15, 3:00pm – 6:00pm. Held at the Heart of Central Texas Independent Living Center, 222 E Central Avenue. For more information, phone the HOCTIL at 254-933-7487.

Bronte:

- **Special Olympics Texas – Area Basketball Competition**, Saturday, February 11, 7:30am – 8:00pm. Held at Bronte High School, 210 South Jefferson. Sponsored by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Beth Bye at ebye@sotx.org or visit the [Special Olympics Texas website](#).

Bryan:

- **Disability Resource/Transition Fair**, Friday, January 27, 10:00am – 1:00pm. Held at The Brazos Center, 3232 Briarcrest Drive. Sponsored by Brazos Valley Council of Governments. For more information, contact Crystal Leon at 979-595-2800 x2013 or cleon@bvcog.org.

Carrollton:

- **Post-Polio Support Group Meetings**. Every First Thursday of the Month, 11:00am. Held at the Community Room at the Carrollton Center, 4443 North Josey Lane. Hosted by Easter Seals North Texas. For more information, visit the [Easter Seals North Texas website](#).

Corpus Christi:

- **Corpus Christi Committee for Persons with Disabilities**, First Wednesday of Each Month, 3:00pm; Meeting is open to the public. Held at Corpus Christi City Hall, City Council Chambers, First Floor, 1201 Leopard Street. For more information, contact Sylvia V. Wilson at 361-826-3190 or sylvia@ccctexas.com or visit the [CFPWD website](#).
- **Removing Barriers to Gaining, Maintaining or Regaining Employment for People with Disabilities**, First Wednesday of each Month, 10:00am to 3:00pm. Hosted by Disability Rights Texas. Held at Workforce Solutions of the Coastal Bend, 520 North Staples. Cost: FREE; first-come, first served. For more

information, contact the office at 361-882-7491 or info@workforcesolutionscb.org or visit the [Workforce Solutions website](#).

- **Special Olympics Texas – Area Conference**, Saturday, January 28, 8:30am – 12:00pm. Mandatory for Coach Certification. Held at CITGO Plant, 1802 Nueces Bay Blvd. For more information, contact Alice Fulton-Garza at 361-857-5679 or agarza@sotx.org or visit the [Special Olympics Texas website](#).
- **Cupids Chase 5K Run for People with Disabilities**, Saturday, February 11, Registration at 8:00am; Race begins at 10:00am. Begins at Brewster Street Ice House, 1724 North Tanchua Street. Fundraiser for Community Options, Inc. For more information, contact Jaime Brundige at 361-808-8600 or Jaime.brundige@comop.org, or visit the [Community Options website](#).

Dallas:

- **Cupids Chase 5K Run for People with Disabilities**, Saturday, February 11, Registration at 8:00am; Race begins at 10:00am. Begins at Bachman Lake, 3500 Northwest Highway. Fundraiser for Community Options, Inc. For more information, contact Jeni Greene at 972-503-3901 or jeni.greene@comop.org, or visit the [Community Options website](#).
- **Special Olympics Texas – Basketball Competition**, February 24 – 25, 6:00pm to 9:00pm. Location TBA. Sponsored by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Cyndi Murchison at 214-943-9981 x28 or cmurchison@sotx.org or visit the [Special Olympics Texas website](#).

Donna:

- **Special Olympics Texas – Annual Area Conference**, Saturday, February 4, 9:00am to 12:00pm. Held at Donna High School Lecture Hall. Sponsored by Special Olympics Texas. Mandatory for Coach Certification. For more information, contact Gloria Cruz at 956-630-3434 or gacruz@sotx.org or visit the [Special Olympics Texas website](#).

El Paso:

- **Raining Talent: Talent Show Featuring Performance by Persons With and Without Disabilities**, Friday, December 16, 7:00pm to 10:00pm. Held at El Paso Community College, Administrative Building A, 9050 Viscount Blvd. Hosted by Volar Center for Independent Living. Cost: \$10; Must be purchased before the show from Volar CIL, 1220 Golden Key Circle). For more information, contact Marisela Garcia at 915-591-0800 x213 or mariselag@volarcil.org, or visit the [Volar CIL website](#).
- **Microconference Workshop: Learning About Microboards**, Wednesday, January 11, 10:00am to 2:00pm. Held at El Paso Multipurpose Center, 9031 Viscount Blvd. Hosted by The Arc of Texas. For more information, phone The Arc of Texas at 1-800-252-9729 or visit [The Arc of Texas website](#).
- **Special Olympics Texas – Area Conference**, Saturday, January 21, 9:00am to 2:00pm. Held at Hanks High School Library, 2001 Lee Trevino. Sponsored by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Andrea Schiechl at 915-533-8229 or aschiechl@sotx.org or visit the [Special Olympics Texas website](#).

Fort Worth:

- **Autism Workshop**, Every Second Friday of the Month, 9:00am to 1:00pm. Held at Easter Seals North Texas, 1424 Hemphill Street. Sponsored by Easter Seals North Texas. Cost: \$25; Registration required. For more information or to register, contact Shana Wiggins at 817-759-7970 or swiggins@ntx.easterseals.com or visit the [Easter Seals North Texas website](#).
- **Special Olympics Texas Area Conference**, Saturday, January 21, 8:30am to 12:00pm. Mandatory for Coach Certification. Held at Resource Connection Center, 1100 Circle Drive. Sponsored by Special Olympics Texas.

For more information, contact Sherron Peace at 817-332-3433 or speace@sotx.org or visit the [Special Olympics Texas website](#).

Frisco:

- **Special Olympics Texas – North Basketball Skills Competition**, Friday, February 17, 9:00am to 1:30pm. Held at Fieldhouse USA, 6155 Sports Village Road. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Cyndi Murchison at 214-943-9981 x28 or cmurchison@sotx.org or visit the [Special Olympics Texas website](#).

Galveston:

- **Autism and Aspergers Conference**, Friday, December 16, 8:00am to 4:30pm. Held at Moody Gardens, Seven Hope Blvd. Hosted by Future Horizons. Cost: Varies. For more information or to register, contact Future Horizons at 1-800-489-0727 or visit the [Future Horizons website](#).

Garland:

- **Turning Point Precision Air Rifle Clinic**, Every Second Friday of the Month, 1:00pm to 4:00pm. Held at Lone Star Chapter PVA Office, 3925 Forest Lane. Sponsored by Turning Point Nation. Cost: FREE; equipment is provided. For more information, contact Jason Swanson at 214-649-7146 or jswanson@turningpointnation.org or visit the [Turning Point website](#).
- **2012 Special Arts Festival**, Saturday, January 21, 11:00am to 3:30pm. Held at Garland ISD Special Events Center, 4999 Naaman Forest Blvd. Event includes live stage performances and exhibition and art activity tables. Hosted by the Achievement Center of Texas. Sponsored by Garland Cultural Arts Commission and CBS11 KTVV. Cost: FREE. For more information, contact Marilynne Serie at 972-414-7700 or mserie@tx.rr.com or visit the [Achievement Center of Texas website](#) or the [Special Arts website](#).

Houston:

- **Information and Hope for Families: For Spanish Speaking Parents of Children with Disabilities**, First Thursday of Each Month, 6:45pm to 9:00pm. Volunteer to help with Inspiration Day, honoring students and encouraging parent participation. Held at the Graceview Baptist Church, 25510 Tomball Parkway. Cost: FREE. For more information, contact Carmen Pulger at 281-773-8318 or mcpulger@att.net.
- **Autism Playgroup of Fort Bend County**, First Saturday of Each Month, 10:00am to 12:00pm. Held at Lost Creek Park and various other parks in Fort Bend County. RSVP required. Cost: FREE. For more information, contact Susan Garczynski at 281-726-2665 or susan@susangar.com.
- **North Houston Autism Playgroup**, Third Saturday of Each Month, 10:00am to 12:00pm. Held at Bear Branch Park, 5200 Research Forest Drive. Cost: FREE. For more information, contact Janet Cooper at 281-231-2262 or [visit the website](#).
- **Families CAN Support Group**, First Tuesday of Each Month, 10:00am to 12:00pm. Held at Christ the King Evangelical Lutheran Church, 2353 Rice Blvd. Cost: FREE. For more information, call 713-743-5435 or 713-743-5592.
- **Families Coping with Mental Illness: Public Meeting**, Third Monday of Each Month, 7:15pm to 9:00pm. Held at Memorial Drive Methodist Church, 12955 Memorial Drive. Cost: FREE. For more information, visit the [NAMI website](#).
- **Families Coping with Adult Mental Illness: Public Meeting**, First and Third Sunday of Each Month, 4:00pm to 5:30pm. Held at St. Peter's United Methodist Church, 20775 Kingsland Blvd. Cost: FREE. For more information, contact Pat or Leon Alderfer at 713-467-3764.

- **Families Coping with Adult Mental Illness: Public Meeting**, Second and Fourth Sunday of Each Month, 2:30pm to 4:00pm. Held at Pines Presbyterian Church, 12751 Kimberley. Cost: FREE. For more information, contact Vi Napolitano at 281-893-2493.
- **Families Coping with Children and Adolescent Mental Illness: Public Meeting**, Second and Fourth Sunday of Each Month, 2:30pm to 4:00pm. Held at Memorial Drive United Methodist Church, 12955 Memorial Drive. Cost: FREE. For more information, contact Bonnie Cord at 713-984-2538.
- **How to Interpret School and Medical Evaluations to Help a Child Succeed in School**, Thursday, December 15, 11:00am to 1:00pm. Held at MHMRA Conference Center, 7033 Southwest Freeway. Cost: FREE; registration is necessary. Sponsored by The Arc of Greater Houston. For more information, contact karen@aogh.org or phone 713-957-1600 x14.
- **Dionysus Theatre Winter Classes**, Beginning in January, Tuesdays at 7:00pm to 8:30pm. Held at The Dionysus Theatre, 5601 South Braeswood. Cost: \$125. For more information, phone 713-728-0041 or visit the Dionysus Theatre website.
- **Barbara Jordan Community Outreach Workshop/Pizza Party**, Thursday, January 12, 10:00am to 12:00pm. Held at Houston Height High School, 1125 Lawrence Street. For more information, contact Barbara Jordan Endeavors at 713-868-9797 or 832-487-5848 or endeavors@sbcglobal.net or visit the Barbara Jordan Endeavors website.
- **Special Olympics Texas – Figure Skating Competition**, January 30 – February 1, 10:00am to 2:00pm. Location TBA. Sponsored by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Cody Meredith at 713-290-0049 or cmeredith@sotx.org or visit the Special Olympics Texas website.
- **Dionysus Theatre: “The Boys Next Door”**, February 4 – 26, various times. Held at The Dionysus Theatre, 5601 South Braeswood. Cost: Varies. For more information and to purchase tickets, phone 713-728-0041 or visit the Dionysus Theatre website.
- **PATH (Planning Alternative Tomorrows with Hope) Facilitator’s Training**, February 8 – 9. PATH is a self-directed future planning tool to help realize the dreams and goals of people with disabilities. Held at 7033 Southwest Freeway. Cost: Varies; Stipends are available. For more information and to register, contact The Arc of Texas at 1-800-252-9729 x7753, or visit The Arc of Texas website.
- **Barbara Jordan Community Outreach Workshop and BJ Superstar City-Wide Art Contest**, Tuesday, February 21, 10:00am to 1:00pm. Held at Barbara Jordan High School for Careers, 5800 Eastex Freeway. Sponsored by Barbara Jordan Endeavors. For more information, phone 713-636-6961 or 832-487-5848 or endeavors@sbcglobal.net or visit the Barbara Jordan Endeavors website.

Katy:

- **Family Member Support Group** for family members of an adult with a mental illness, Every First and Third Sunday of the Month, 4:00pm to 5:30pm. Held at St. Peter’s United Methodist Church, Room S-201, 20775 Kingsland Blvd. For more information, contact Pat or Leon Alderfer at 713-467-3764.
- **Monthly Down Syndrome Community Group**, Second Wednesday of Each Month, 9:00am – 11:00am and Third Saturday, 9:00am to 11:00am. Hosted by Down Syndrome Association of Houston. Held at The Bagel Café, 631 South Mason Road. For more information, contact katy@dsah.org.
- **Katy Autism Support**, Every Third Tuesday of the Month, 7:00pm. Held at St. Peter’s United Methodist Church, Asbury Hall, 20775 Kingsland Blvd. For more information, contact Catherine at catherineautism@sbcglobal.net.
- **Katy ADHD Support Group**, Every Second Sunday of the Month, 6:30pm to 8:30pm. Held at St. Peter’s United Methodist Church, Room S-201, 20775 Kingsland Blvd. Hosted by Attention Deficit Disorders Association – Southern Region. For more information, contact Laura Peddicord at 281-392-6064 or laurapeddicord@comcast.net, or visit the ADDA-SR website.

- **Effective Advocacy for Your Child – The Toolbox**, Tuesday, January 17, 6:45pm to 8:45pm. Held at St. Peter's United Methodist Church, 20775 Kingsland Blvd. Hosted by Katy Autism Support, DSAH-Katy, ADDA-Katy Support Group, and Family to Family Network. For more information or to register, phone 713-466-6304.

Lake Travis:

- **Transition and College Fair**, Saturday, February 4, 10:00am to 2:00pm. Held at Lake Travis High School Cafeteria. Hosted by Lake Travis ISD and Eanes ISD. For more information, contact Benita Montgomery at 512-533-5916 or Leslie McColluch at 512-732-9280 x33707.

Laredo:

- **Special Olympics Texas – Area Conference (Face to Face)**, Friday, January 20, 9:00am to 2:00pm. Held at UISD Athletics Office, 5208 Santa Claudia. Mandatory for Coach Certification. Sponsored by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Maribel Santoya at 956-712-2144 or msantoya@sotx.org or visit the [Special Olympics Texas website](#).

Livingston:

- **Special Olympics Texas – Team Basketball Competition**, Saturday, February 11, 8:00am – 4:00pm. Held at Livingston Junior High School, 1801 US 59 Loop North. Sponsored by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Cassie Northcutt at 936-756-6906 or cnorthcutt@sotx.org or visit the [Special Olympics Texas website](#).
- **Special Olympics Texas – Area Team Basketball Competition**, Saturday, February 25, Time TBA. Held at Livingston Junior High School, 1801 US 59 Loop North. Sponsored by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Cassie Northcutt at 936-756-6906 or cnorthcutt@sotx.org or visit the [Special Olympics Texas website](#).

Lubbock:

- **West Texas Archery**, Second and Fourth Thursdays of each month, 6:30pm. For sports enthusiasts with mobility impairments. Sponsored by Turning Point. Held at Lubbock Indoor Archery. For more information, visit the [Turning Point website](#).
- **Special Olympics Texas – Polar Plunge**, Saturday, December 10, 10:00am – 2:00pm. Held at Ashmore Inn, 4019 South Loop 289. Fundraiser for Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Butch Lancaster at 806-749-7000 or blancaster@sotx.org or visit the [Special Olympics Texas website](#).
- **Cupids Chase 5K Run for People with Disabilities**, Saturday, February 11, Registration at 8:00am; Race begins at 10:00am. Begins at Mackenzie Park Outdoor Center, 301 North I-27. Fundraiser for Community Options, Inc. For more information, contact Cheryl Green at 806-549-8704 or cheryl.green@comop.org, or visit the [Community Options website](#).

Lufkin:

- **Special Olympics Texas – Athletic Leadership Program meeting**, Friday, January 27, 6:00pm – 7:30pm. Held at SO Area Office, 1009 Lee Avenue. Sponsored by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Angela Grace at 936-639-1755 or agrace@sotx.org or visit the [Special Olympics Texas website](#).

Midland:

- **Special Olympics Texas – Area Conference**, Thursday, January 26, 6:00pm to 9:00pm. Held at Hilton Midland Plaza, 117 West Wall. Mandatory for Coach Certification. Sponsored by Special Olympics Texas.

For more information, contact Jennifer Lance at 432-684-5024 or jlance@sotx.org or visit the [Special Olympics Texas website](#).

Milano:

- **Transition Fair: Opening doors to the Future**, Tuesday, January 10, 4:30pm to 6:00pm. Held at Burleson-Milam Special Service, 400 East Park Street. Sponsored by Burleson-Milam Special Services, Blinn College, Temple College and other state and federal agencies and organizations. For more information, contact Darren Wright at 512-455-7801 or dwright@bmssc.net.

Nacogdoches:

- **Nacogdoches Mayor's Committee on People with Disabilities meetings**, Every Second Thursday of the Month; meetings are open to the public. Held at Nacogdoches Memorial Hospital, 1204 Mound Street. For more information, contact Daniel Rogers at 936-568-8580 or rogersd@nacmem.org or visit the [NMCPD website](#).
- **Special Olympics Texas – Area Basketball Competition**, Saturday, February 25, 9:00am to 3:00pm. Held at Lucille Norton HPE Complex, Stephen F. Austin University campus. Sponsored by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Angela Grace at 936-639-1755 or agrace@sotx.org or visit the [Special Olympics Texas website](#).

Odessa:

- **Special Olympics Texas – Basketball Tournament**, Saturday, February 18, 8:00am to 5:00pm. Held at Odessa College Sports Complex, 201 West University Drive. Sponsored by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Jennifer Lance at 432-684-5024 or jlance@sotx.org or visit the [Special Olympics Texas website](#).

Richardson:

- **Special Olympics Texas – Special Olympics Texas Day with the University of Texas at Dallas, Basketball**, Saturday, January 7, 1:00pm – 6:00pm. Free tickets and parking for UT Dallas basketball games for athletes, coaches, and their families. Held at UT Dallas, 800 West Campbell Road. For more information, contact Cyndi Murchison at 214-943-9981 x28 or cmurchison@sotx.org or visit the [Special Olympics Texas website](#).
- **Special Olympics Texas – Area Conference**, Saturday, January 14, 2:30pm – 5:00pm. Held at Region 10 Abrams Site, Pecan Room, 904 Abrams Road. Mandatory for Coach Certification. For more information, contact Cyndi Murchison at 214-943-9981 x28 or cmurchison@sotx.org or visit the [Special Olympics Texas website](#).
- **Special Olympics Texas – Area Conference #2**, Tuesday, January 17, 5:00pm – 7:00pm. Held at Region 10 Abrams Site, Mockingbird and Bluebonnet Rooms, 904 Abrams Road. Mandatory for Coach Certification. For more information, contact Cyndi Murchison at 214-943-9981 x28 or cmurchison@sotx.org or visit the [Special Olympics Texas website](#).

Rosenberg:

- **Teaching a New Skill: Task Analyses**, Thursday, December 15, 8:45am to 11:45am. Held at the Texana Center, 4910 Airport Avenue. Presented by JoAnna Jones, BCBA. For more information, contact Ellen Catoe at 281-239-1497 or ellen.catoe@texanacenter.com.

San Antonio:

- **Eva's Heroes Special Presentations**, First and Third Tuesday of the Month, 5:30pm. Special showings of Hollywood's latest family-friendly films in a sensory-friendly and accepting environment. Hosted by Eva's Heroes and Santikos. Held at Santikos Embassy 14 and Santikos Silverado 16. Cost: Varies; guests with intellectual special needs admitted free. For more information, visit the calendar on the [DisabilitySA website](#).
- **The Run for Me 5K: A Race Without Limits**, Saturday, December 10, 8:00am – 11:00am. Held in McAllister Park, beginning at Pavilion #2. Fundraiser for Pressing On. For more information, phone 210-877-2228 or visit the [Run for Me website](#).
- **Understanding Sensory Processing Difficulties**, Friday, December 16, 9:00am to 12:00pm. Presented by Autism Community Network. Cost: \$30. For more information, contact Amber Dickerson at 210-262-7280 or amber@acn-sa.org or visit the [Autism Community Network website](#).
- **Treating Sensory Processing Difficulties**, Friday, December 16, 1:00pm to 4:00pm. Presented by Autism Community Network. Cost: \$30. For more information, contact Amber Dickerson at 210-262-7280 or amber@acn-sa.org or visit the [Autism Community Network website](#).
- **Sensory Friendly Films at AMC River Center 9**, Saturday, January 7, 10:00am – 12:00pm. A safe and accepting environment for families with members with autism or other disabilities. Hosted by AMC Theaters and the Autism Society. Held at AMC River Center 9. Cost: \$4. For more information, contact Monique Navarro at Monique.navarro@circlecare4kids.com or visit the [Autism Society website](#).
- **Special Education Parent Coordination Workshop: Mixed Messages: The Changing Face of Discipline**, Tuesday, January 10, 9:00am – 12:00pm. Sponsored by Education Service Center 20. Held at ESC-20, Building 6, 1314 Hines Avenue. Cost: FREE. For more information or to register, contact Lori Williams at 210-370-5466 or lori.williams@esc20.net or Kimberly Baumgardner@esc20.net, or visit the [ESC-20 website](#).
- **Planning for the Future: Medicaid Waiver Programs**, Saturday, January 14, 9:00am – 11:00am. Hosted by The Arc of San Antonio. Held at The Arc of San Antonio Pam Stephens Center, 6530 Wurzbach. For more information or to register, contact Heather Long at 210-490-4300 x113 or hlong@arc-sa.org.
- **Special Education Parent Coordination Workshop: Don't Go There! Avoiding Power Struggles**, Tuesday, January 31, 9:00am – 12:00pm. Sponsored by Education Service Center 20. Held at ESC-20, Building 6, 1314 Hines Avenue. Cost: FREE. For more information or to register, contact Lori Williams at 210-370-5466 or lori.williams@esc20.net or Kimberly Baumgardner@esc20.net, or visit the [ESC-20 website](#).
- **Special Education Parent Coordination Workshop: Transfer of Educational Rights and Guardianship**, Wednesday, February 8, 9:00am – 12:00pm. Sponsored by Education Service Center 20. Held at ESC-20, Building 6, 1314 Hines Avenue. Cost: FREE. For more information or to register, contact Lori Williams at 210-370-5466 or lori.williams@esc20.net or Kimberly Baumgardner@esc20.net, or visit the [ESC-20 website](#).
- **Cupids Chase 5K Run for People with Disabilities**, Saturday, February 11, Registration at 8:00am; Race begins at 10:00am. Begins at Koehler Pavilion, 3910 North St. Mary's Street. Fundraiser for Community Options, Inc. For more information, contact Jamie Brundige at 210-212-4969 or Jamie.brundige@comop.org, or visit the [Community Options website](#).
- **Special Education Parent Coordination Workshop: Understanding STAAR Accommodations**, Tuesday, February 14, 9:00am – 12:00pm. Sponsored by Education Service Center 20. Held at ESC-20, Building 6, 1314 Hines Avenue. Cost: FREE. For more information or to register, contact Lori Williams at 210-370-5466 or lori.williams@esc20.net or Kimberly Baumgardner@esc20.net, or visit the [ESC-20 website](#).

- **Special Olympics Texas – Basketball Competition**, February 23 – 24, 9:00am – 2:00pm. Sponsored by Special Olympics Texas. Held at Lincoln Community Center, 2915 East Commerce. For more information, contact Shawn Britt at 210-530-9898 or sbritt@sotx.org, or visit the [Special Olympics Texas website](#).
- **Sensory Friendly Films at AMC River Center 9**, Saturday, February 25, 10:00am – 12:00pm. A safe and accepting environment for families with members with autism or other disabilities. Hosted by AMC Theaters and the Autism Society. Held at AMC River Center 9. Cost: \$4 per person. For more information, contact Monique Navarro at Monique.navarro@circlecare4kids.com or visit the [Autism Society website](#).

San Marcos:

- **Special Olympics Texas – Basketball Competition**, February 24 – 25, 4:00pm to 10:00pm. Sponsored by Special Olympics Texas. Held at Texas State University, Jowers Center. For more information, contact Joanna Sarrett at 512-491-2962 or jsarrett@sotx.org, or visit the [Special Olympics Texas website](#).

Spring Branch:

- **Family Day Out**, Saturday, December 17, 10:00am to 2:00pm. A program for children with all types of disabilities and their siblings. Sponsored by Easter Seals Houston. Held at Memorial Drive United Methodist Church, 12955 Memorial Drive. For more information, contact Linda Latimer at 713-838-9050 x307 or visit the [Easter Seals Houston website](#).

Tyler:

- **Tyler Disabilities Issues Review Board**, Thursday, January 5, 4:00pm. Location TBA. Meetings are open to the public. For more information, contact Juanita Fletcher at Juanita.fletcher@dars.state.tx.us or visit the [Tyler Disabilities Issues Review Board website](#).

Waco:

- **Waco Mayor's Committee on People with Disabilities Monthly Meeting**. First Thursday of the month, 12:00pm to 1:00pm. Cost: FREE; open to the public. Held at the City of Waco Dr. Mae Jackson Development Center, 401 Franklin Ave. For more information, contact Kelly Yarbrough at Kelly.yarbrough@dars.state.tx.us or phone 254-214-7253.
- **Special Olympics Texas – Basketball Competition**, February 17 – 18, Time TBA. Held at Baylor University Marrs MacLean, Russell gyms. Sponsored by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Tommy Smith at 254-230-4824 or tsmith@sotx.org or visit the [Special Olympics Texas website](#).

Weslaco:

- **Special Olympics Texas – Basketball Competition**, Saturday, February 18, 8:00am to 7:00pm. Held at Weslaco East High School, 801 Pleasantview Drive. Sponsored by Special Olympics Texas. Cost: FREE. For more information, contact Gloria Cruz at 956-630-3434 or gcruz@sotx.org or visit the [Special Olympics Texas website](#).

Wichita Falls:

- **Special Olympics Texas – Torch Run Luncheon**, Tuesday, January 17, 12:00pm to 1:00pm. Held at Howard Johnson Hotel, 401 Broad Street. Sponsored by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Mike Strickland at 940-692-2986 or mstrickland@sotx.org or visit the [Special Olympics Texas website](#).
- **Special Olympics Texas – Face-to-Face Area Conference**, Thursday, January 26, 6:00pm – 8:00pm. Held at Region 9 Service Center, 301 Loop 11. Mandatory for Coach Certification. Sponsored by Special Olympics

Texas. For more information, contact Mike Strickland at 940-692-2986 or mstrickland@sotx.org or visit the [Special Olympics Texas website](#).

- **Special Olympics Texas – Polar Plunge**, Saturday, February 18, 9:00am – 12:00pm. Held at Holiday Inn, 5300 Kell Blvd. Sponsored by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Mike Strickland at 940-692-2986 or mstrickland@sotx.org or visit the [Special Olympics Texas website](#).